

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated June 17, 2004. Claims 1-58 are currently pending. It is gratefully acknowledged that the Examiner has allowed all pending claims, i.e., Claims 1-58.

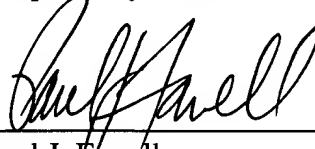
However, in the Office Action, the Examiner has objected to the specification and to the drawings.

With regard to the specification, the Examiner has objected to the acronym "DTCH" on page 4, line 14, and the word "from" on page 22, line 12. More specifically, the Examiner asserts that the acronym "DTCH" should read "DCCH", and the word "from" should be deleted. As indicated above, the specification has been amended as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the objection to the specification be withdrawn.

With regard to the drawings, the Examiner has asserted that a new drawing must be submitted that shows an apparatus in a base station comprising a MAC controller, a resource controller, and an SIG controller, and an apparatus in a mobile station comprising an SIG controller, an RC controller, and a MAC controller. However, during a telephone interview between Examiner Min Jung and Attorney Douglas M. Owens III, on July 15, 2004, the Examiner agreed that these features are present in the drawings, more specifically, FIGs. 4 and 5. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that no new drawing is required, and it is respectfully requested that the objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

In view of the preceding remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims, namely Claims 1-58, are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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